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Applicant

Edwin Bolduan et al.

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Title

Washing Machine with a Pressing and/or Ironing Function and

Method for Cleaning Laundry

Art Unit

1746

Examiner

Frankie L. Stinson

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24131

RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 10, 2004, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the restriction requirement on pages 2 and 3 of the above-identified Office Action, applicants elect group I, claims 1-18, for prosecution at this time.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application including the method claims of group II at a later date.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits of claims 1-18 is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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